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SUBJ: UNCTAD - PREPARATIONS IGG ON CODE OF CONDUCT ON TRANSFER
OF TECHNOLOGY

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF NOTE FROM GROUP B COORDINATOR
REPORTING DISCUSSION WITH SURENDRA PATEL, CHIEF
UNCTAD TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY DIVISION, RE PREPARATION
FOR MARCH 25 - APRIL 5 SESSION ON IGG ON CODE OF
CONDUCT:

QUOTE:

(A) ORGANIZATION OF WORK

THE UNCTAD SECRETARIAT PLANS MEETINGS OF ALL
OF WORKING GROUPS I, II AND III. MR. PATEL PROPOSED THAT
WORKING GROUP I HOLD SIX MEETINGS, WORKING GROUP II SEVEN
MEETINGS AND WORKING GROUP III THREE MEETINGS, TO PROVIDE
APPROXIMATELY EQUAL TIME FOR WORKING GROUPS I AND II
AND TO GET WORKING GROUP II 7, \$342-6. IN RESPONSE TO
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MY COMMENT THAT THIS WAS PREFERABLE TO THE SCHEDULE
ORIGINALLY SUGGESTED BY THE SECRETARIAT, BUT STILL WOULD
NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR GROUP MEETINGS, MJ. PATEL
STRESSED THAT SIXTEEN MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS MEANT
ONLY FOUR FULL DAYS OF MEETINGS. THE IGE OR THE INDIVIDUAL
WORKING GROUPS WILL BE ABLE TO ADJUST THE SCHEDULE.

(B) PROGRAMME OF WORK FOR WORKING GROUPS I, II AND III

I ASKED MR. PATEL HOW HE THOUGHT THE THREE WORK-
ING GROUPS SHOULD PROCEED AT THE SESSION AND HE REPLIED
THAT HE SAW WORKING GROUP I FOCUSING ATTENTION ON THE
PREAMBLE, PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES, AND INTERNATIONAL
COLLABORATION AND SPECIAL TREATMENT TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
AND THE PREPARATION OF COMPOSITE DRAFT TEXTS ON THESE AREAS
OF THE PROPOSED CODE OF CONDUCT. ON WORKING GROUP II,
MR. PATEL THOUGHT SERIOUS DRAFTING OF PROVISIONS ON
RESTRICTIVE BUSINESS PRACTICES SHOULD BE UNDERWAY BY THE
END OF THE SECOND SESSION. HE WAS ALSO AT SOME PAINS TO
REMINDE ME THAT WORK ON GUARANTEES WOULD HAVE TO BE CONSIDERED.
FINALLY, ON WORKING GROUP III, MR. PATEL SAID HE EXPECTED
THE MEETINGS WOULD BE ESSENTIALLY ORGANIZATIONAL. THE WORK-
ING GROUP WOULD DISCUSS HOW IT WOULD FULFILL ITS MANDATE
AND ORGANIZE THE WORK AT SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS. ON STAFFING
OF THE THREE WORKING GROUPS, MR. PATEL SUGGESTED THAT
WHILE WORKING GROUPS I AND II WOULD REQUIRE EXPERT
PARTICIPATION IT WOULD NOT BE NECESSARY FOR LEGAL EXPERTS
TO BE PRESENT FOR DISCUSSIONS IN WORKING GROUP III.

(C) DOCUMENTATION

IN REPLYING TO MY QUESTION ON DOCUMENTATION,
MR. PATEL INDICATED THE SECRETARIAT WAS CONSIDERING
ISSUING THE REFERENCE PAPER OF EXTRACTS FROM RESOLUTIONS,
DECLARATIONS AND TREATIES RELEVANT TO THE TRANSFER OF
TECHNOLOGY. I INDICATED GROUP B WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION
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TO A REFERENCE PAPER BUT RECOMMENDED THAT THE PAPER BE
INTRODUCED BY A CHAPEAU INDICATING CLEARLY THAT THE DOCUMENT
IS FOR REFERENCE AND MAKES NO JUDGEMENT AS TO THE ACCEPTABILITY
OR APPLICATION OF THE VARIOUS TEXTS INCLUDED. MR. PATEL
DID NOT RESPOND TO MY QUESTIONS ON A PAPER SUGGESTING A
REVISED OR RESTRUCTURED CODE OF CONDUCT, WHICH MAY MEAN
THAT THE SECRETARIAT HAS FOR THE TIME BEING ABANDONED ITS
INTENTIONS TO CIRCULATE THIS DOCUMENT. UNQUOTE.CATTO

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